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General Assembly

Seventy-third session

10:00

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60th plenary
meeting

General
Assembly Hall

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields - Item 14

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Security Council

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Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit - Item 119

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms - Item 74 (b)

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 23 November 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

High-level plenary meeting on the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, with a view to giving impetus to its promotion in all regions, to be held in accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/247 of 24 December 2017

Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 11 December 2018, 13 December 2018 and 17 December 2018, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Documents: A/73/L.66

15:00 8433rd meeting Security Council Chamber
[webcast]

Adoption of the agenda

Peace and security in Africa

Drug trafficking in West Africa as a threat to stability

Followed 8434th meeting Security Council Chamber
[webcast]

Adoption of the agenda

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security

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General Assembly

Seventy-third session

Fifth Committee

Seventy-third session

10:00 - 13:00

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5

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Revised estimates relating to the Office of the Victims' Rights Advocate under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, section 29B, Department of Operational Support, and section 36, Staff assessment

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions and twenty-eighth special session

Documents: A/73/412, A/73/649, A/73/477, A/73/477/Corr.1 and A/73/637

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	Advancing responsible State behaviour in cyberspace in the context of international security	
	Convening a conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction	
	Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventieth session	
	Situation of human rights in Myanmar	
	A global call for concrete action for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action	
	Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States	
	Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme	
	Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine	
	Documents: A/73/488, A/73/656, A/C.5/73/8, A/73/642, A/C.5/73/9, A/73/639, A/C.5/73/10, A/C.5/73/10/Corr.1, A/73/640, A/C.5/73/12, A/73/643, A/C.5/73/13, A/73/638, A/C.5/73/15, A/73/648, A/C.5/73/16, A/73/647, A/C.5/73/17, A/73/646, A/C.5/73/14 and A/73/650	
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Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

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**General Assembly
Security Council**
Peacebuilding Commission
Twelfth session

10:00 - 13:00	Meeting (at the ambassadorial level)	Conference Room 7
	Organizational Committee	

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

15:00 to 18:00

81st meeting (closed)

Conference Room 7

Adoption of the agenda

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Other matters

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-third session

20 December 2018

10:00

61st plenary meeting  [webcast]

General Assembly Hall

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United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law - Item 81

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The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction - Item 87

Protection of persons in the event of disasters - Item 90

Strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework - Item 91

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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly - Item 123

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Observer status for the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea in the General Assembly - Item 175

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Observer status for the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank in the General Assembly - Item 177

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Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development - Item 20 (a)

Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States - Item 20 (b)

Disaster risk reduction - Item 20 (c)

Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind - Item 20 (d)

Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa - Item 20 (e)

Convention on Biological Diversity - Item 20 (f)

Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme - Item 20 (g)

Harmony with Nature - Item 20 (h)

Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all - Item 20 (i)

Combating sand and dust storms - Item 20 (j)

The role of the international community in the prevention of the radiation threat in Central Asia - Item 20 (k)

Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) - Item 21

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Globalization and interdependence - Item 22 (a)

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Groups of countries in special situations - Item 23

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Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries - Item 23 (b)

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Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027) - Item 24 (a)

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Documents: A/73/549, A/73/496, A/73/557, A/73/556, A/73/555, A/73/554, A/73/486, A/73/553, A/73/550, A/73/558, A/73/560, A/73/551, A/73/559, A/73/563, A/73/552, A/73/433, A/73/434, A/73/467, A/73/436, A/73/435, A/73/463, A/73/465, A/73/462, A/73/464, A/73/466, A/73/535, A/73/536, A/73/536/Add.1, A/73/536/Add.2, A/73/536/Add.3, A/73/536/Add.4, A/73/537, A/73/538, A/73/538/Add.1, A/73/538/Add.2, A/73/538/Add.3, A/73/538/Add.4, A/73/538/Add.5, A/73/538/Add.6, A/73/538/Add.7, A/73/538/Add.8, A/73/538/Add.9, A/73/538/Add.10, A/73/540, A/73/540/Add.1, A/73/540/Add.2, A/73/541, A/73/541/Add.1, A/73/541/Add.2, A/73/542, A/73/542/Add.1, A/73/542/Add.2, A/73/543, A/73/543/Add.1, A/73/543/Add.2, A/73/544, A/73/545, A/73/546, A/73/547, A/73/548, A/73/L.69, A/73/L.63, A/73/L.72 and A/73/L.71

21 December 2018

10:00

62nd plenary meeting  [webcast]

General Assembly Hall

General and complete disarmament - Item 101

Election of members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission - Item 116 (c)

Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit - Item 117 (f)

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Reports of the Fifth Committee

Documents: A/73/L.70, A/73/566, A/73/577 and A/73/578

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Fifth Committee

Seventy-third session

20 December 2018

10:00 - 13:00

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5

15:00 - 18:00

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5

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Security Council**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism**

20 December 2018

15:00 - 16:00

Closed

Conference Room 7

Joint informal meeting with the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011)

16:00 - 17:00

341st meeting (closed)

Conference Room 7

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/
United Nations Population Fund/
United Nations Office for Project Services**

7 January 2019

10:00 - 13:00

Pre-session informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 6

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 17 December 2018

Security Council

 [archived video]

8428th meeting

Briefings by Chairs of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by His Excellency, Kairat Umarov, Chair of the 751 Committee, Chair of the 1267/1989/2253 Committee and Chair of the 1988 Committee; His Excellency Taye Atskeselassie Amde, Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa; Her Excellency Verónica Cordova Soria, on behalf of the Chair of the 1540 Committee; His Excellency, Karel van Oosterom, Chair of the 1718 Committee; and by His Excellency Olof Skoog, Chair of the 1970 Committee, Chair of the 2374 Committee and Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict.

General Assembly

Seventy-third session

 [archived video]

55th plenary meeting

Reports of the Third Committee

The Rapporteur of the Third Committee made a statement, in the course of which she introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 28, 29, 65, 69 to 74, 109, 110, 123 and 137.

Under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Third Committee which were before the Assembly.

Social Development: report of the Third Committee (A/73/581) - Item 28

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolution I to VI recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 31 of its report, as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 73/140) Adopted

Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 73/141) Yes: 188; No: 3; Abstentions: 0

Draft resolution III (resolution 73/142) Adopted

Draft resolution IV (resolution 73/143) Adopted

Draft resolution V (resolution 73/144) Adopted

Draft resolution VI (resolution 73/145) Adopted

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 28 and its sub-items (a), (b) and (c).

Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/73/582) and draft amendment (A/73/L.56) - Item 29

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Liechtenstein and Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolution I to IV recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 37 of its report (A/73/582), as follows:

Draft resolution I

Draft amendment (A/73/L.56) Yes: 17; No: 112; Abstentions: 32 (rejected) (recorded vote) As a whole (resolution 73/146) Adopted

Draft resolution II (resolution 73/147) Adopted

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement on a point of order.

The President made a statement.

Draft resolution III Operative paragraphs 8 (d) and 11 Yes: 130; No: 1; Abstentions: 31 (recorded vote) (resolution 73/148) Adopted

Draft resolution IV (resolution 73/149) Adopted

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 38 of its report (A/73/582) (decision 73/523).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 29.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/73/583) - Item 65

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representative of Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic Countries), Germany (on behalf of France and the Netherlands), the Syrian Arab Republic and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution I recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/73/583) (resolution 73/150).

By 181 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions, the General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/73/583) (resolution 73/151).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Hungary, the Russian Federation, Jordan and Chile.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 65.

Report of the Human Rights Council: report of the Third Committee (A/73/584) - Item 69

By 121 votes to 4, with 60 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/73/584) (resolution 73/152).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Burundi.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 69.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/73/585) and draft amendment (A/73/L.59) - Item 70

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Sudan and Uruguay.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolution I to III recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 56 of its report (A/73/585), as follows:

Draft resolution I

Preambular paragraph 23 and operative paragraphs 14, 17 and 18 Yes: 134; No: 2; Abstentions: 32 (recorded vote) As a whole (resolution 73/153) Adopted

Draft resolution II (resolution 73/154) Adopted

Draft resolution III, Draft amendment (A/73/L.59) Yes: 15; No: 116; Abstentions: 30 (rejected) (recorded vote)

As a whole (resolution 73/155) Adopted

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 57 of its report (A/73/585) (decision 73/524).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Chile.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 70.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 70 and its sub-item (a).

Rights of indigenous peoples: report of the Third Committee (A/73/586) - Item 71 (a) and (b)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 8 of its report (A/73/586) (resolution 73/156).

The representative of Chile made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 71.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 71 and its sub-item (a).

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: report of the Third Committee (A/73/587) - Item 72

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution II was postponed to a later day to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee.

By 129 votes to 2, with 54 abstentions, the General Assembly adopted draft resolution I recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 26 of its report (A/73/587) (resolution 73/157).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 72.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 72 and its sub-item (b).

Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/73/588) - Item 73

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to III recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 24 of its report (A/73/588), as follows:

Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 73/158) Yes: 172; No: 3; Abstentions: 11

Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 73/159) Yes: 129; No: 53; Abstentions: 10

Draft resolution III (resolution 73/160) Adopted

The representative of Kyrgyzstan made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 73.

Promotion and protection of human rights: report of the Third Committee (A/73/589) - Item 74

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/73/589) (resolution 73/161).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/73/589) (decision 73/525).

Promotion and protection of human rights: implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/73/589/Add.1) - Item 74 (a)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 21 of its report (A/73/589/Add.1) (resolution 73/162).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 74.

Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/73/589/Add.2) and draft amendments (A/73/L.57 and A/73/L.58) - Item 74 (b)

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Monaco, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic Countries), Maldives, Switzerland, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Syrian Arab Republic and Ethiopia.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to XVII recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 162 of its report (A/73/589/Add.2), as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 73/163) Adopted

Draft resolution II (resolution 73/164) Adopted

Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 73/165) Yes: 121; No: 8; Abstentions: 54

Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 73/166) Yes: 148; No: 11; Abstentions: 32

Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 73/167) Yes: 133; No: 53; Abstentions: 3

Draft resolution VI (resolution 73/168) Adopted

Draft resolution VII (recorded vote) (resolution 73/169) Yes: 131; No: 53; Abstentions: 3

Draft resolution VIII (recorded vote) (resolution 73/170) Yes: 135; No: 53; Abstentions: 1

Draft resolution IX (recorded vote) (resolution 73/171) Yes: 188; No: 2; Abstentions: 0

The representative of the United States made a statement on a point of order.

The President made a statement.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

Draft resolution X; Draft amendment (A/73/L.57) Yes: 25; No: 100; Abstentions: 37 (rejected) (recorded vote)

Draft amendment (A/73/L.58) Yes: 22; No: 99; Abstentions: 35 (rejected) (recorded vote)

As a whole (resolution 73/172) Yes: 125; No: 0; Abstentions: 60

Draft resolution XI (recorded vote) (resolution 73/173) Yes: 154; No: 0; Abstentions: 35

Draft resolution XII (resolution 73/174) Adopted

Draft resolution XIII (recorded vote) (resolution 73/175) Yes: 121; No: 35; Abstentions: 32

Draft resolution XIV (resolution 73/176) Adopted

Draft resolution XV (resolution 73/177) Adopted

Draft resolution XVI (resolution 73/178) Adopted

Draft resolution XVII (resolution 73/179) Adopted

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Switzerland, the United States, the Sudan, China and the Bahamas.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 74.

Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/73/589/Add.3) and draft amendment (A/73/L.60) - Item 74 (c)

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution III and V was postponed to a later date to allow time for the review of their programmer budget implications by the Fifth Committee.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

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Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/73/589/Add.3) and draft amendment (A/73/L.60) - Item 74 (c)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 74.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Austria (on behalf of the European Union) the Russian Federation, Liechtenstein (on behalf of Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine), Trinidad and Tobago, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and China.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I, II and IV recommended by the Third Committee in in paragraph 88 of its report (A/73/589/Add.3), as follows:

Draft resolution I

Draft amendment (A/73/L.60) Yes: 19; No: 95; Abstentions: 43

(recorded vote) (rejected) As a whole (resolution 73/180) Adopted

Draft resolution II

(recorded vote) (resolution 73/181) Yes: 84; No: 30; Abstentions: 67

Draft resolution IV

(recorded vote) (resolution 73/182) Yes: 111; No: 15; Abstentions: 55

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Tunisia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Cuba.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The representative of Saudi Arabia made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 74.

Promotion and protection of human rights: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme Action: report of the Third Committee (A/73/589/Add.4) - Item 74 (d)

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee (A/73/589/Add.4) (decision 73/526).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 74.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 74.

Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/73/590) - Item 109

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolution I to IX recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 45 of its report (A/73/590), as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 73/183) Adopted

Draft resolution II (resolution 73/184) Adopted

Draft resolution III (resolution 73/185) Adopted

Draft resolution IV (resolution 73/186) Adopted

Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 73/187) Yes: 94; No: 59; Abstentions: 33

Draft resolution VI (resolution 73/188) Adopted

Draft resolution VII (resolution 73/189) Adopted

Draft resolution VIII (resolution 73/190) Adopted

Draft resolution IX (resolution 73/191) Adopted

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 46 of its report (A/73/590) (decision 73/527).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 109.

International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/73/591) - Item 110

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/73/591) (resolution 73/192).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 110.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Third Committee (A/73/592) - Item 123

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/73/592) (decision 73/528).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 123.

Programme planning: report of the Third Committee (A/73/593) - Item 137

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee (A/73/593) (decision 73/529).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 137.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of the reports of the Third Committee before it for this meeting.

Credentials of representatives to the seventy-third session of the General Assembly: report of the Credentials Committee (A/73/600) - Item 3 (b)

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/73/600) (resolution 73/193).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) and of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Prevention of armed conflict: note by the Secretary-General (A/73/295) - Item 34

Prevention of armed conflict:

Draft resolution (A/73/L.47) and draft amendment (A/73/L.68)

The representative of Ukraine made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/73/L.47.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft amendment A/73/L.68.

The General Assembly decided that a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting was required for the adoption of draft resolution A/73/L.47, and was informed that the same majority would apply to draft amendment A/73/L.68.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Russian Federation, the Netherlands, Sweden, Poland, Lithuania, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, the United States and Georgia.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

By 25 votes to 64, with 60 abstentions (recorded vote), having failed to obtain a two-thirds majority of members present and voting, draft amendment A/73/L.68 was rejected.

By 66 votes to 19, with 72 abstentions (recorded vote), having obtained a two-thirds majority of members present and voting, the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/73/L.47 (resolution 73/194).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Belarus, Armenia, Ukraine, Singapore, the Republic of Korea and Indonesia.

The representative of the European Union (also on behalf of Albania, Georgia, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Turkey, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine) made a statement after adoption.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 34 and its sub-item (a).

Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law - Item 116 (b)

The General Assembly decided to proceed to the election on the basis of dispensing with the secret ballot, where applicable.

Since the number of candidates nominated by the African States, the Eastern European States and the Latin American and Caribbean States corresponded to the seats to be filled by each group, the General Assembly declared that Algeria, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ghana, Honduras, Hungary, Mali, Mexico, Peru, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Ukraine and Zimbabwe were elected members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for a six-year term beginning on 8 July 2019 (decision 73/412).

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required majority, Belgium (166 votes), Canada (150 votes), China (159 votes), Finland (171 votes), France (171 votes), Germany (181 votes), Indonesia (160 votes), Japan (167 votes), Malaysia (149 votes), the Republic of Korea (155 votes), Singapore (180 votes), Switzerland (160 votes), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (160 votes) and Viet Nam (157

votes) were elected members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for a six-year term beginning on 8 July 2019 (decision 73/412).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 116.

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Security Council

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8429th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Mladenov.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Kuwait, the Russian Federation, Sweden, the United Kingdom, France, China, Kazakhstan, Poland, the Netherlands, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Peru, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Côte d'Ivoire.

8430th meeting

Peacebuilding and sustaining peace

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Security Council began its consideration of the item and adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2018/20).

A statement was made by the representative of Sweden.

8431st meeting

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan

Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (covering the period from 2 September to 30 November 2018) (S/2018/1103)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of South Sudan to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the following briefers to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure: Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations; and Ms. Pramila Patten, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Lacroix, Ms. Patten (via video-teleconference from London) and by Ambassador Joanna Wronecka, Permanent Representative of Poland in her capacity as the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2206 (2015) concerning South Sudan.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Ethiopia, France, Kazakhstan, the United Kingdom, Peru, Poland, Equatorial Guinea, the Plurinational

State of Bolivia, the Netherlands, Kuwait, China, Sweden, the Russian Federation and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Côte d'Ivoire.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of South Sudan.

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57th plenary meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms - Item 74 (b)

Commemorative meeting on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 74 (b) in order to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the twenty-fifth anniversary of Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action in accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/169 of 19 December 2017.

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The General Assembly decided, without setting a precedent, to invite Ms. Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, to make a statement at the meeting (decision 73/530).

In accordance with the decision just taken, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Namibia (on behalf of the African States), Tajikistan (on behalf of Asia-Pacific States), Lithuania (on behalf of the Eastern European States), the Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States) and the Netherlands (on behalf of the Western European and other States).

The General Assembly was informed that the President had received requests for the floor from additional Member States to speak in this commemorative meeting.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Bahamas (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Austria and the Russian Federation.

The observer for the League of Arab States made a statement.

58th plenary meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms - Item 74 (b)

Award ceremony for the United Nations Prizes in the Field of Human Rights for 2018

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item sub-item 74 (b) to hold the award ceremony for the United Nations Prizes in the Field of Human Rights for 2018 in accordance with decision 73/509 of 28 November 2018.

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly decision 73/509 of November 28, 2018, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2217 (XXI) of 19 December 1966, the United Nations Prizes in the Field of Human Rights for 2018 were awarded to Ms. Rebecca Gyumi, Ms. Asma Jahangir, Ms. Joënia Wapichana and the Front Line Defenders.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 74.

59th plenary meeting

The summary of the 59th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the Journal (No. 2018/245).

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

291st meeting

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